(a) whether any reservation quota has been earmarked for out of turn allotment on priority basis of CNG outlets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present in compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court and based on the demand, the CNG outlets are established in the existing petrol outlets, subject to their suitability as per safety and operational norms and only in select places the Indraprastha Gas Ltd. and Manager Gas Ltd. have put up their own outlets.

Discovery of oil at the Gulf of Khambhat

2675. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fresh oil reserve has been discovered recently in the Gulf of Khambhat of the Gujarat coast by the consortium of the Cairns Energy (India), ONGC and Tata Petrodyne;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the prospects and present status of other exploratory drilling operations in progress in the same area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Consortium of the Cairns (India) Pvt. Ltd., Tata Petrodyne and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGC) has discovered Oil and Gas in Exploration Block CB-OS-2 in the Gulf of Khambhat. The details of these discoveries are as under :—

1. **Well** : CB-A-1 (Prospect A "Lakshmi") The well flowed gas at the rate of 0.8 Million Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) through 56/64" choke.

2. **Well** : CB-B-1 (Prospect B "Gauri")-The well flowed gas at the rate of 0.53 MMSCMD and 0.48 MMSCMD, respectively through 1" choke from two separate zones. Another zone in the well also flowed oil and gas at the rate of 1039 barrel per day and 0.02 MMSCMD, respectively through 32/64 choke.

3. **Well**: CB-C-1 (Prospect C "Ambe") The Well flowed gas at the rate of 0.59 and 0.56 MMSCMD respectively through 96/64" choke from two separate zones. The well also flowed oil at the rate varying from 110 to 240 barrels per day from another zone.

4. **Well:** CB-G-1Z (Prospect G "Parvati"): The well flowed oil and water at unstablized rate varying from 1200 to 2200 barrel per day.

The extent of oil and gas reserves of the above discoveries will be known, after further drilling and exploration activities in this Block.

(c) In addition to the Block CB-OS-2, exploration is going on in the area and, in particular, three exploratory wells are planned to be drilled in the adjoining Block CB-OS-1.

Promotion of lower and middle level Managers in IOC Panipat

2676. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the absence of any clear cut promotion policy there is large scale disenchantment/resentment among the lower and middle level managers particularly in IOC, Panipat;

(b) whether the management distort the existing promotion policy to accommodate the candidates of their choice overlooking merit and eligibility;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against the erring management; and

(d) what is the number of lower and middle level managers who are likely to be promoted this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) IOC has a well laid down promotion policy and the promotions are decided by duly constituted Departmental Promotion Committees as per the Promotion Policy. In general, there is no disenchantment/resentment among officers including the lower and middle level managers in respect of promotion policy.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The actual number of promotion at the lower and middle level managers this year would depend upon the recommendations of the Departmental promotion Committee.